

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs [0001] and [0041] as follows:

a¹ **[0001] This ~~is an application from~~ application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/553,583, filed April 20, 2000, entitled COMPOSITION FOR PROVIDING AN ABRASION RESISTANT COATING ON A SUBSTRATE WITH A MATCHED REFRACTIVE INDEX AND CONTROLLED TINTABILITY, now U.S Patent No. 6,342,097; which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of** U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/130,767 filed April 23, 1999, entitled COMPOSITION FOR PROVIDING AN ABRASION RESISTANT COATING ON A SUBSTRATE WITH A MATCHED REFRACTIVE INDEX AND CONTROLLED TINTABILITY, **the contents of both of which are hereby expressly incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.**

a² **[0041]** In general, it is preferred that the colloidal metal oxide component used in the present invention consist of a composite mixture of two or more metal oxide components listed above where at least one of the metal oxide components present in the composite mixture is neither alumina nor silica. Examples of commercially available metal oxide colloidal materials and composite metal oxide component materials are the Suncolloid series AMT-130S, HIS-33M, HIT-30M, and HIT-32M from Nissan Chemical Industries LTD., Optolake 1130F-2(A-8), 2130F-2(A-8), Optolake ARC-7 ~~and Optolake PH-1~~, and Queen Titanic-11-1 from Catalyst and Chemical Industries LTD.